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Lawrence M. Noble, Esq.  
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Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
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Re: MURs 4544 and 4407  
President Clinton; Vice President Gore; the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc., and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer ("Primary Committee"); the Clinton/Gore '96 General Committee, Inc., and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer ("General Committee"); Harold Ickes; William Knapp; Peter Knight; Terrence McAuliffe; Leon Panetta; Marius Penczner; Mark Penn; Douglas Schoen; Hank Sheinkopf; Doug Sosnik; Robert Squier; Betsy Steinberg; George Stephanopoulos; the November 5 Group, Inc. ("November 5"); and Squier Knapp Ochs Communications, Inc. ("SKO")

Dear Mr. Noble:

This letter is prompted by our discussions concerning the possibility of reaching some agreement with the Commission concerning the facts relevant to the Commission's investigation in the above-referenced matter. As we have discussed, I am hopeful that we can find a way to ease the financial burdens on both the Commission and my clients of a lengthy investigation and also to reach a faster resolution of this matter. In the hopes of having a productive discussion with your office concerning this, we are requesting additional time to respond to the Commission subpoenas and reason to believe finding in this matter.

As you know, the bulk of the documents regarding the DNC and Clinton/Gore ads and payment records, including tapes, scripts, station documents, wire records, checks and reconciliations, have already been produced to the Commission. With respect to the interrogatories and document requests propounded to the individual respondents, we believe that it may be possible to find a faster and better way of obtaining the information the Commission seeks. Thus, we seek an extension of time on behalf of each of our

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clients pending Commission approval of further discussions with your office regarding a faster resolution of this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We appreciate your willingness to consider a method of reaching a faster resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Lyn Utrecht